To generate the 2D image 3620 and the 3D image 3630, the image processor 1201 computes a vector 3671 that starts at the point 3611 and ends at a central point of the model 3610. Then, the image processor 1201 uses a cross-section corresponding to the vector 3671 as an ROI to generate the 2D image 3620 and the 3D image 3630, which both show the ROI.

[0151] Furthermore, to generate the 2D image 3640 and the 3D image 3650, the image processor 1201 computes a vector 3672 that starts at the point 3612 and ends at the central point of the model 3610. Then, the image processor 1201 uses a cross-section corresponding to the vector 3672 as an ROI to generate the 2D image 3640 and the 3D image 3650, which both show the ROI.

[0152] FIG. 13 is a diagram for explaining another example of an operation of the display apparatus 101 according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0153] FIG. 13 illustrates an example of a screen 3700 on which a model 3710 and images 3720, 3730, 3740, 3750, and 3760 are output.

[0154] As described above with reference to FIG. 7, the user may select an ROI in the model 3110 output on the initial screen 3100. In this case, a user input may be an input for selecting one of a plurality of segments into which the model 3710 is partitioned. For example, the user may select a segment by performing a gesture on the model 3710 or by using an input device.

[0155] When a user input for selecting a segment 3711 is received, the display 1401 displays the selected segment 3711 on the model 3710 in such a manner as to be distinguished from non-selected segments. For example, the display 1401 may display the selected segment 3711 in a different color than the non-selected segments.

[0156] The image processor 1201 identifies a cross-section corresponding to the segment 3711 as an ROI to generate a 2D image 3720 and a 3D image 3730, which both show the ROI. The display 1401 then displays the 2D image 3720 and the 3D image 3730 on the screen 3700.

[0157] Furthermore, the user may select another segment 3712 as well as the previously selected segment 3711 from among the plurality of segments into which the model 3710 is partitioned. When a user input for selecting the other segment 3712 is received, the display 1401 displays the selected segment 3712 on the model 3710 in such a manner as to be distinguished from non-selected segments. The image processor 1201 then uses a cross-section corresponding to the segment 3712 as an ROI to generate a 2D image 3740 and a 3D image 3750, which both show the ROI. The display 1401 then displays the 2D image 3740 and the 3D image 3750 on the screen 3700.

[0158] In addition, the display 1401 may display an image 3760 showing a position relationship between the 2D images 3720 and 3740 on the screen 3700.

[0159] FIG. 14 is a diagram for explaining another example of an operation of the display apparatus 101 according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0160] FIG. 14 illustrates an example of a screen 3800 on which a model 3810 and images 3820, 3830, 3840, 3850, and 3860 are output.

[0161] As described above with reference to FIG. 13, the user may select at least one segment 3711 or 3712 from among the plurality of segments into which the model 3710 is partitioned. The image processor 1201 generates the 2D and 3D images 3720 and 3730 corresponding to the segment

3711 and the 2D and 3D images 3740 and 3750 corresponding to the segment 3712. The display 1401 displays the 2D and 3D images 3720, 3730, 3740, and 3750 on the screen 3700.

[0162] Subsequently, the user may enlarge or reduce at least one of the 2D and 3D images 3720, 3730, 3740, and 3750. For example, the user may enlarge or reduce at least one of the 2D and 3D images 3720, 3730, 3740, and 3750 by performing a gesture on the 2D and 3D images 3720, 3730, 3740, and 3750 or by using an input device.

[0163] For example, if a user input for enlarging the 2D image 3720 is received, the display 1401 displays an enlarged version 3820 of the 2D image 3720 on the screen 3800. Furthermore, since the 3D image 3730 shows the same ROI as the 2D image 3720, even when the user input for enlarging the 2D image 3720 is received, the display 1401 displays an enlarged version 3830 of the 3D image 3730 together with the enlarged version 3820.

[0164] Although FIG. 14 shows examples of the enlarged versions 3820 and 3830 of the 2D and 3D images 3720 and 3730 shown in FIG. 13, when a user input for reducing an image is received, a reduced version of the 2D or 3D image 3720 or 3730 may be displayed as described above with reference to FIG. 14.

[0165] FIG. 15 is a diagram for explaining another example of an operation of the display apparatus 101 according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0166] FIG. 15 illustrates an example of a screen 3900 on which a model 3910 and images 3920, 3930, 3940, 3950, and 3960 are output.

[0167] As described above with reference to FIG. 7, the user may select an ROI in the model 3110 output on the initial screen 3100. In this case, a user input may be an input for designating an angle corresponding to the ROI. For example, the user may designate an angle corresponding to the ROI by using an input device. The angle corresponding to the ROI may be an angle with respect to a predetermined axis. For example, the predetermined axis may be determined in a vertical or horizontal direction of the model 3910, but is not limited thereto.

[0168] When a user input for designating an angle is received, the display 1401 displays the designated angle in a region 3970 of the screen 3900. The image processor 1201 uses a cross-section corresponding to the designated angle as an ROI to generate a 2D image 3920 and a 3D image 3930. The display 1401 then displays the generated 2D and 3D images 3920 and 3930 on the screen 3900.

[0169] Furthermore, the user may designate another angle as well as the previously designated angle. When a user input for designating the other angle is received, the display 1401 additionally displays the other designated angle in the region 3970 of the screen 3900. The image processor 1201 uses a cross-section corresponding to the other designated angle as an ROI to generate a 2D image 3940 and a 3D image 3950, which both show the ROI. The display 1401 may display the 2D image 3940 and the 3D image 3950 on the screen 3900.

[0170] Furthermore, the display 1401 may display an image 3960 showing a position relationship between the 2D images 3920 and 3940 on the screen 3900.

[0171] FIG. 16 is a flowchart of a method of displaying an image showing an object according to an exemplary embodiment.